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## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 September 11, 2021 Message from the Acting Governor

On September 11, 2001 our Nation was devastated by the horrific terrorist attacks that wounded and killed so many. We will never forget the horrors that transpired that day. Despite this tragedy, an enraged nation came together to show the world the true American spirit of solidarity and patriotism. An attack that was meant to break our nation, strengthened our resolve to defend our American ideals and strike any threat to our life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. More than ever, we are committed to the founding principles of economic, political, and religious freedom.

Today, we remember and mourn the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. We also honor the sacrifice and the heroism of all those who responded to these tragic events. As we reflect upon this tragedy and remember the victims, the families, and the survivors dealing with loss, let us be reminded that in moments of crisis and uncertainty, there is always hope. Let us each take a moment to give thanks to our God for his continued blessings upon our Territory.

On behalf of Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga and our families, we thank our first responders and military personnel who serve the public every day. We thank you for your enduring commitment to serve and defend our Nation.

May God Bless America and our beloved Territory of American Samoa!

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